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City Completes Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction Project

AKRON, OHIO (December 14, 2015) - The City of Akron completed the Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction 2015 project (SSR 2015), which was the final project of a five-year citywide investigation of all sanitary sewers and manholes as required under the Capacity, Management, Operations, and Maintenance (CMOM) section of the Consent Decree.

During this five –year period, approximately 18,870 manholes and 20,878 sanitary sewer segments (manhole to manhole) were cleaned and inspected.

SSR2015 was contracted using the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) delivery method, due to the time constraints required to meet the Consent Decree Achievement of Full Operation (AFO) date of December 31, 2015. On April 27, 2015, the City of Akron selected H.R. Gray as the CMAR to manage and complete this project.

“Although the timeframe was short, we had full confidence in our staff’s planning and efforts to ensure the job was completed in time,” said Mayor Jeff Fusco. Due to the extreme time limitations and unknown condition of the numerous assets included in the project, the crews began work immediately after the contract was awarded. The list of 286 assets that were required to be cleaned and inspected grew slightly as crews encountered a few surprises.

“It is important to note that these final 286 assets were more challenging than previous years,” said Scott Davenport, Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance Coordinator. “We were very pleased at the efforts of the contractors who were able to not only inspect all 286 assets, but able to identify additional assets, bringing the total up to 305.”

H.R. Gray, working in conjunction with the City of Akron Engineering Bureau, Sewer Maintenance Division and Burgess and Niple, Inc., utilized six local construction companies as subcontractors. During the height of construction, there were a total of 14 crews strategically spread out over the entire City of Akron sewer-service-area, working on the various assets.

“We will now kick off the next phase of our Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction – SSR2016,” said Mayor Fusco. “The City is committed to continually and consistently inspecting, monitoring and cleaning our sewer system.”

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